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Can you coordinate a response?

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Just a gentle reminder that your Regional input is requested. Additionally, we are just checking to see if any of the Regions directly fund ATSDR Regional representatives for cell phones, Blackberry's or other equipment.

Thank you for your assistance!

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Division Directors,

ATSDR and EPA management will be holding a joint meeting in Potomac Yards on September 11, 2012. The purpose of this meeting will be for managers, at the Division Director level, from EPA Headquarters,

ATSDR and the Superfund lead region (Region 6 will be participating) to focus on national-level issues of interest to both agencies. An agenda will be circulated when it is available.

To prepare for this meeting, we are again surveying the regions on their relationship with ATSDR. The results from last year's survey are attached. In an effort to build off of the information collected last year, we are seeking answers to the questions below. In your response, please be specific about whether you are referring to your relationship with ATSDR in the context of remedial, removal or Brownfields programs. On this email, I've also included the individuals who have been identified as the regional points of contact on ATSDR-related issues, so that you can coordinate with them.

1. Are there specific needs that you have where ATSDR could be of assistance (e.g., health messaging, support on specific chemicals, etc.)?

2. Have you implemented any of the recommendations that resulted from last year's survey (see below)? If so, has your relationship with ATSDR improved as a result?

- Engage in regular work planning & cross-attendance at each other's meetings
- Early, as well as post-remedy, involvement is key and should happen more often – e.g., scoping the work plan and development of sampling strategies, five-year reviews
- Allow for more review time, while balancing public perception of ATSDR-EPA relationship
- Hold joint public meetings
- Have decision-makers at meetings to address community concerns when they arise
- Communicate limitations early and often and time frames for completion of work
- Consider training or orientation for non-Superfund programs that do not work with ATSDR on a regular basis (e.g., Brownfields, RCRA, Air, Water)
- Work on environmental justice approaches together

3. Do you have in place a formal coordination mechanism with ATSDR (e.g., regular meetings/calls) or is your interaction on an ad hoc basis? If you have a formal mechanism, please describe it.

4. Were you aware that ATSDR recently underwent a reorganization that will result in additional FTE in the regional offices? In some regions, the additional FTE are already on board. Has this resulted in any changes in your relationship with ATSDR?

5. Finally, please describe the greatest benefit you see from working with ATSDR.

Please provide your responses to Lisa Price by COB Friday, July 27.

Many thanks!
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